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SUBJ: TANZANIAN FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT

1. SUMMARY: IN MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS, TANZANIAN FONMIN COMMENTED AT LENGTH ON RELATIONS WITH U.S. ALTHOUGH NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO HIDE DIFFERENCE ON POLICIES IN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD, BILATERAL TIES ARE DESCRIBED IN GENERALLY WARM FASHION WITH HOPE THEY CAN BECOME EVEN WARMER. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN JOHN MALECELA DELIVERED LENGTHY AND WIDE-RANGING 1973/74 BUDGET SPEECH TO JULY 17 SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THIS MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT IS COMPARABLE TO SECRETARY OF STATE'S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT. AT PRESENT TIME, TEXT OF PREPARED SPEECH IS AVAILABLE ONLY IN SWAHILI. MINISTRY IS IN PROCESS OF PREPARING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT, WHICH WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. IN MEANTIME, INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF SECTIONS PERTAINING TO US FOLLOWS:

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EM MAIN SECTION ON US STATES: QUOTE. MR. SPEAKER, OUR

RELATIONS WITH US ARE NORMAL. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO HAVE DISPUTES WITH AMERICA. WE WOULD HOPE OUR RELATIONS MIGHT BE EVEN BETTER. FOR TIME BEING, THERE ARE VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONS. BUT PROBLEMS THEMSELVES DO NOT STEM FROM ACTS OF ONE COUNTRY DIRECTED AT OTHER. THESE DIFFICULTIES STEM FROM AMERICAN ACTIONS IN TREATING UNJUSTLY AND IN COOPERATING WITH THOSE WHO TREAT UNJUSTLY RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING SOME WHICH ARE FAR FROM US. THEREFORE, IN IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY WE STRONGLY OPPOSE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN VIETNAM. FOLLOWING PARIS PEACE PACT THIS YEAR, WE WERE PLEASED BY CHANGES IN AMERICAN POLICY OF RECOGNIZING RIGHT OF VIETNAM TO LIVE IN PEACE. IN AFRICA WE STRONGLY OPPOSE AMERICAN ACTIONS WHICH AID SOUTH AFRICAN AND PORTUGUESE REGIMES WHICH ARE OPPRESSING AND DECEIVING AFRICANS. IN THIS CONTEXT, AMERICAN DECISION TO PURCHASE CHROME FROM RHODESIA CONTRARY TO OAU AND UN DECLARATIONS GRIEVES US VERY MUCH BECAUSE WE ARE AWARE THAT US IS ABLE TO OBTAIN CHROME FROM OTHER COUNTRIES; AND EVEN IF IT IS NOT ABLE TO ORDER IT WE HEAR THAT US HAS SUFFICIENT CHROME FOR ITS NEEDS FOR NOT LESS THAN 20 YEARS* THEREFORE THIS AMERICAN ACTION HAS EFFECT OF STRENGTHENING ILLEGAL REGIME OF REBEL SMITH AND HIS GANG WHICH HAS BEEN CONDEMNED BY WHOLE WORLD. UNQUOTE.

4. SECTION ON US CONTINUED: QUOTE. FURTHER ON THIS QUESTION IT IS A VERY HEARTENING THING THAT THIS DECISION OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT EVEN GRIEVES AMERICAN CITIZENS THEMSELVES. FAMOUS PEOPLE SUCH AS SENATOR FULBRIGHT AND SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY HAVE PUBLICLY OPPOSED THIS DECISION OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. SIMILARLY, WELL KNOWN BLACK AMERICANS SUCH AS HONORABLE CHARLES DIGGS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN SUBCOMMITTEE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HAVE FIERCELY OPPOSED THEIR GOVERNMENT. EVEN AMERICAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN, HONORABLE MR. SCALI, HAS BEEN OPENLY DISTRESSED BY DECISION OF HIS COUNTRY'S CONGRESS IN LEGALIZING IMPORTATION OF CHROME FROM RHODESIA. THIS PRUDENT AMBASSADOR HAS SAID IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DEFEND HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AT SESSIONS OF UN BECAUSE THAT ORGANIZATION CONDEMNS AND HAS PLACED SANCTIONS ON TRADE WITH RHODESIA. THEREFORE, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT MANY OTHER AMERICANS WILL FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF FULBRIGHT, KENNEDY, DIGGS, AND SCALI IN OPPOSING ACTIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT UNTIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US FOLLOWS POLICY OF ELIMINATING COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN AFRICA. UNQUOTE.

5. AMONG BRIEF REFERENCES TO US SCATTERED THROUGHOUT REPORT IS FOLLOWING COMMENT IN SECTION ON BENEFITS FOR MANKIND: MAJOR PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED WITH "AGREEMENT FOR REDUCING ENMITY AMONG MAJOR NATIONS OF WEST EUROPE AND US ON ONE HAND AND NATIONS OF EAST EUROPE LED BY USSR ON OTHER HAND." US ALSO

RECEIVED GOOD MARKS ON IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND USSR:
"IN EFFORTS BY NATIONS TO REDUCE TENSION IN WORLD, DISCUSSIONS
WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN US AND CHINA, US AND RUSSIA,
AND EAST EUROPE AND WEST EUROPE ARE BROUGHT TO MIND".

6. ABOVE COMPLIMENTARY COMMENTS WERE OFFSET, HOWEVER, IN
SECTIONS ON CAMBODIA AND NORTH KOREA. "OUR RELATIONS WITH
KOREA ARE GOOD AND ARE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE. MAJOR QUESTION
WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN SOLVED IS PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF NORTH
AND SOUTH KOREA AND REMOVAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS. POSITION OF
TANZANIA IN THIS MATTER IS CLEAR. WE SUPPORT EFFORTS OF
CITIZENS FOR UNIFYING THOSE COUNTRIES PEACEFULLY AND WE STRONGLY
CRITICIZE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS THERE UNDER
PRETEXT THEY ARE UN FORCES". AFTER PRAISING VIETNAM PEACE
AGREEMENT, MALECELA NOTED: "WE CONDEMN CONTINUED AMERICAN
BOMBING OF CAMBODIA. THEREFORE, WE WELCOME DECISION OF AMERICAN
CONGRESS DURING MAY AND JUNE THIS YEAR FOR REFUSING TO APPROVE
REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO BE USED FOR CARRYING ON WAR IN CAMBODIA".

7. BERNARD MUGANDA, DESK OFFICER FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE WHO
HAD HAND IN DRAFTING US PORTION, SAID OPENING DESCRIPTIVE LINE
ON STATE OF TANZANIAN-US RELATIONS (PARA. 3 ABOVE) SHOULD BE
TRANSLATED AS "OUR RELATIONS WITH US ARE NORMAL". KEY SWAHILI
WORDS "NI YA KAWAIDA" CAN BE TRANSLATED IN NUMBER OF WAYS.
WHEN ASKED WHY US COUNTRY SECTION WAS LONGER THAN ANY OTHER
EXCEPT BURUNDI AND UGANDA, MUGANDA REPLIED THIS IS INDICATION
TANZANIA IS TAKING MORE INTEREST IN RELATIONS WITH US.
ANOTHER FONMIN OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO CHARGE JULY 18 THAT
SPEECH HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY WELL RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHO HAVE DESCRIBED IT AS MORE INFORMATIVE
AND BETTER PREPARED THAN IN PAST.

8. COMMENT: THIS KEY SPEECH REPRESENTS EFFORT TO PRESENT
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MODICUM OF BALANCE BETWEEN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE. POSITIVE
OPENING LINES AND PRIVATE COMMENTS FROM TANZANIAN OFFICIALS
OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS
DENOTE HOPEFUL, IF TENTATIVE, WARMER TREND IN OUR RELATIONS.
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